

## Health Equity Task Force established by Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2020

### Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, October 14, 2020, 12:30 – 2:00PM.

**Members in Attendance:** Senator Julian Cyr, Dr. Assaad Sayah, Beverly Stables, Dr. Kiame Mahaniah, Michael Curry, Representative Donald H. Wong, Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, Dr. Milagros Abreu, Dr. Cassandra Pierre, Dr. Frank Robinson, Hiram Shah, Representative Chynah Tyler, Jeffrey Sanchez

**Members Not in Attendance:** Representative Jose Tosado, Dr. Myechia Minter-Jordan, Representative Carlos González

The Co-Chair Dr. Assaad Sayah opened the meeting, welcomed Health Equity Task Force members and the public, and then reviewed the open meeting law requirements for virtual meetings. This meeting will be used to discuss and advance recommendations via the Health Equity Task Force's Interim Report.

Co-Chair Michael Curry conducted a roll call to confirm attendance and that participants could hear the proceedings.

Co-Chair Michael Curry attained the approval of the minutes for the October 7<sup>th</sup> Health Equity Task Force meeting.

A review of the agenda for the meeting was conducted. There was overview of the logistics process for consideration, approval, filing and public posting of the Interim Report upon its approval.

A discussion followed regarding Task Force Member feedback and suggestions to the Interim Report.

**A motion was brought forth by Senator Chang-Diaz to include policy recommendations aligned with the Work and Family Mobility Act in the Interim Report.** The motion was seconded and **adopted** upon the roll call vote summarized below.

- **Members Voting Yes:** Senator Chang-Diaz, Senator Julian Cyr, Michael Curry, Dr. Cassandra Pierre, Dr. Milagros Abreu, Dr. Frank Robinson, Dr. Assaad Sayah, Dr. Kiame Mahaniah, Jeffrey Sanchez.
- **Members Voting No:** Hiram Shah, Beverly Stables, Representative Donald Wong\*.  
\*Representative Wong requested that an explanation of his vote be included in the record, as his vote was related to staying focused on the existing priorities in the report given the timeline.
- **Members Abstaining:** Representative Chynah Tyler.

**A motion was brought forward to approve the Interim Report as amended, which was seconded, and adopted upon the unanimous roll call vote summarized below.**

- **Members Voting Yes:** Senator Chang-Diaz, Senator Julian Cyr\*, Michael Curry, Dr. Cassandra Pierre, Dr. Milagros Abreu, Dr. Frank Robinson, Hiram Shah, Representative Chynah Tyler, Representative Jose Tosado (*electronic vote*), Dr. Assaad Sayah, Dr. Kiame Mahaniah, Dr. Myechia Minter-Jordan (*electronic vote*), Jeffrey Sanchez, Beverly Stables, Representative Donald Wong, Representative Carlos Gonzalez (*electronic vote*).  
\*Senator Cyr voted to approve the Health Equity Interim Report, noting his recusal on the report's telehealth provisions related to his service on the pending Health Care Conference Committee and on Appendix IV of the Interim Report.

As the filing is an official transmission to the State Legislature, the transmittal requires a summary of the vote, including the vote of excused Members who vote electronically. Upon the report's official filing, the Interim Report will be publicly posted as follows:

Executive Summary of Interim Report: <https://malegislature.gov/Commissions/Detail/512/Documents>

Full Interim Report and Cover Letter: <https://malegislature.gov/Commissions/Detail/512/Bills>

The next meeting is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:30AM - Noon.

The meeting was concluded.